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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 16 (the third paragraph under the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings") with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGS. 3(a), 3(b), 3(c), 3(d), 3(e), 3(f), and 3(g) are illustrations is an illustration describing frame picture evaluation values in Embodiment 1 of the invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 18 (the fourth paragraph under the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings") with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGS. 4(a), 4(b), and 4(c) are illustrations is an illustration depicting a method for detecting frame picture data at the start/completion of a zoom operation, and frame picture data at the start/completion of a pan operation.